

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT/Asset Sales (ANWR)

**SUBJECT:** Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 . . . S. 949. Bumpers motion to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Bumpers amendment No. 568.

### ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 48-52

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 949, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, will provide net tax relief of \$76.8 billion over 5 years and \$238 billion over 10 years. The cost will be more than offset by the economic dividend (\$355 billion over 10 years) that will result from balancing the budget in fiscal year (FY) 2002. This bill will enact the largest tax cut since 1981 and the first tax cut since 1986. It will give cradle-to-grave tax relief to Americans: it will give a \$500-per-child tax credit, education tax relief, savings and investment tax relief, retirement tax relief, and estate tax relief. Over the first 5 years, approximately three-fourths of the benefits will go to Americans earning \$75,000 or less. It will eliminate a third of the increased tax burden imposed by the 1993 Clinton tax hike, which was the largest tax hike in history.

**The Bumpers amendment** would add the following provision: "The amounts realized from the sale or lease of lands or interests in lands which are part of the National Park System, the Forest Service System, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife refuge system shall not be scored with respect to the level of budget authority, outlays, or revenues."

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent, some debate was permitted. After debate, Senator Domenici raised the point of order that the amendment violated section 313 of the Budget Act. Senator Bumpers then moved to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to waive favored the amendment; those opposing the motion to waive opposed the amendment.

**NOTE:** A three-fifths majority (60) vote is required to waive the Budget Act. Following the failure of the motion to waive, the point of order was sustained and the amendment thus fell.

**Those favoring** the motion to waive contended:

Over the past 10 years some Members of Congress have been trying to sell off the great national assets of this country for one-time

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YEAS (48)			NAYS (52)			NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (6 or 11%)	Democrats (42 or 93%)		Republicans (49 or 89%)	Democrats (3 or 7%)		Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Chafee	Akaka	Kennedy	Abraham	Hutchinson	Baucus		
Collins	Biden	Kerrey	Allard	Hutchison	Breaux		
Gregg	Bingaman	Kerry	Ashcroft	Inhofe	Feinstein		
Jeffords	Boxer	Kohl	Bennett	Kempthorne			
Snowe	Bryan	Landrieu	Bond	Kyl			
Specter	Bumpers	Lautenberg	Brownback	Lott			
	Byrd	Leahy	Burns	Lugar			
	Cleland	Levin	Campbell	Mack			
	Conrad	Lieberman	Coats	McCain			
	Daschle	Mikulski	Cochran	McConnell			
	Dodd	Moseley-Braun	Coverdell	Murkowski			
	Dorgan	Moynihan	Craig	Nickles			
	Durbin	Murray	D'Amato	Roberts			
	Feingold	Reed	DeWine	Roth			
	Ford	Reid	Domenici	Santorum			
	Glenn	Robb	Enzi	Sessions			
	Graham	Rockefeller	Faircloth	Shelby			
	Harkin	Sarbanes	Frist	Smith, Bob			
	Hollings	Torricelli	Gorton	Smith, Gordon			
	Inouye	Wellstone	Gramm	Stevens			
	Johnson	Wyden	Grams	Thomas			
			Grassley	Thompson			
			Hagel	Thurmond			
			Hatch	Warner			
			Helms				

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

budget savings. Some Members even wanted to appoint a commission to see which national parks and other lands should be sold. The Bumpers amendment would take away these Members' incentive to sell off lands by prohibiting the counting of any proceeds from such sales in balanced budget calculations. This amendment has nothing to do with leasing land in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). That land could still be leased; the proceeds from leasing would just not count in budget calculations. We urge Senators to support the motion to waive for the consideration of the Bumpers amendment.

**Those opposing** the motion to waive contended:

The bill before us will prohibit the scoring of asset sales that will cause a net loss of revenue to the United States Government over time. Thus, the type of sale which our colleagues claim to fear already will not be scored. Year after year, our colleagues claim that there are nefarious efforts afoot to sell off Yellowstone and other national parks, but no such efforts are now, or ever have been, underway. The truth is that our colleagues do not want ANWR to be leased. The leasing of ANWR would not only result in revenues from that leasing, it would also result in billions of dollars in revenue that would come from the oil and gas that would be produced. The Bumpers amendment has absolutely nothing to do with responsible budgeting. We urge our colleagues to oppose it.